

A geographical, chronological and historical Atlas, on a new and improved plan, or a view of the present state of all the kingdoms, empires, states and colonies in the known world. By John L. Blake, A. M., &c. New York, 1826. From Thomas C. Percival, Esq.

Arguments of the defendant's counsel, and judgment of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of Vidal, &c., versus the corporation of Philadelphia. January term, 1844; to which is added the will of Stephen Girard. Svo. Philadelphia, 1844. From the same.

A letter was read from the Librarian of the Boston Society of Natural History, dated 22d May, requesting for the Society certain missing numbers of the Proceedings of the Academy.

A letter was read from Mr. George R. Gliddon, dated 30th May, 1845, in reference to Mr. Morphett's donation of South Australian Birds, received this evening.

A paper by Dr. Robert W. Gibbes, of Columbia, S. C., intended for publication, entitled "Description of the teeth of a new fossil animal found in the green sand of South Carolina," was read and referred to the following committee: Dr. Morton, Mr. Phillips and Dr. Zantzinger.

Stated Meeting, June 17, 1845.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

Specimen of Mesotype, or needle stone, from the vicinity of Dunluce castle, near the Giants' Causeway, county Antrim, Ireland. From a visitor.

Three specimens, in spirits, of *Coluber sirtalis*, and one of *Coluber eximius*. From Dr. Hallowell.

A communication was read from Dr. Dunglison, Secretary of the American Philosophical Society, addressed to Vice President Morton, stating that Prof. John Müller, of Berlin, was desirous of establishing a system of exchanges of specimens of Natural History with Institutions in this country, and requesting the attention of the Academy to the subject. Referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Vaux, Phillips and Cassin.

A letter was read from Dr. Edmund Ravenel, of Charleston, S. C., dated June 14, 1845, containing a description and drawing of a recent specimen of *Scutella*, found at sea, off the coast of South Carolina, and supposed by him to be new. Referred to the following committee: Dr. Robert E. Griffith, Dr. Morton and Mr. Phillips.

Meeting for Business, June 24th, 1845.

VICE PRESIDENT WETHERILL in the Chair.

The Committee on the Rev. Mr. Zeigler's paper, describing new North American Coleoptera, read April 5th, 1845, reported in favour of publication.*

The Committee on the following notice, by Dr. Ravenel, of a new *Scutella* found off the coast of South Carolina, read at last meeting, reported in favour of publication.

Description of a new recent species of Scutella.

By EDMUND RAVENEL, M. D., of Charleston, S. C.

SCUTELLA gibbosa.

Specific character.—Subpentagonal, truncated posteriorly; margin thick and rounded; ambulacra large, oblong-oval, with open apices; upper surface convex, the convexity terminating rather abruptly at the apices of the ambulacra; lower surface slightly concave, with five simple, broad, compressed grooves

*To appear in a future No. of the Proceedings.